

WHITEFORD, TAYLOR & PRESTON  
L.L.P.

210 WEST PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE  
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4515  
TELEPHONE 410 832-2000  
FAX 410 832-2015

SEVEN SAINT PAUL STREET  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202-1626

410 347-8700  
FAX 410 347-9446  
www.wtplaw.com

1025 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036-5405  
TELEPHONE 202 659-6800  
FAX 202 331-0573

20 COLUMBIA CORPORATE CENTER  
10420 LITTLE PATUXENT PARKWAY  
COLUMBIA, MARYLAND 21044-3528  
TELEPHONE 410 884-0700  
FAX 410 884-0719

1317 KING STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314-2928  
TELEPHONE 703 836-5742  
FAX 703 836-0265

JEANNE M. PHELAN  
DIRECT NUMBER  
410 347-8738  
jphelan@wtplaw.com

January 16, 2004

The Honorable William D. Quarles  
United States District Court  
for the District of Maryland  
Garmatz Federal Building  
101 W. Lombard Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

**Re: Newsome, *et al.* v. Up-To-Date Laundry, Inc.**  
**Civil Action No. 01-2257 (WMQ)**

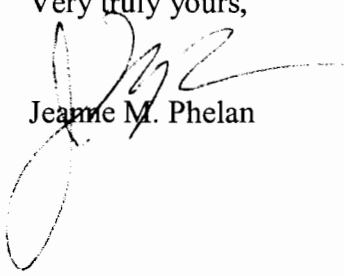
Dear Judge Quarles:

I am counsel for the Defendants in the above-captioned case. This matter is currently pending before the Court for a decision on Plaintiff's Motion for a Class Certification and Defendants' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.

Prior to Plaintiffs' filing of their suit in Federal Court, they and approximately twenty of the punitive class members filed administrative charges of discrimination with the Maryland Commission on Human Relations. In October 2003, the Maryland Commission on Human Relations filed Statements of Charges commencing the State Administrative Hearing process with respect to these charges.

At this time, issues regarding consolidation and scheduling in the State Complaints are under consideration. In connection with these issues, it would be very helpful for the parties and the Administrative Law Judge to have a sense of when the Court expects to issue its rulings regarding class certification and summary judgment in this case. I would appreciate any information you may be able to supply regarding the anticipated timing of these rulings.

Very truly yours,

  
Jeanne M. Phelan

JMP:gba

cc: Philip Simon, Esquire  
Lee Hoshall, Esquire  
The Honorable Georgia Brady